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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

17-18 Aircrew  
Academics

### October

8-9 Unit Commanders  
Course - Tulsa

14-16 FTX

29 CD Training

### November

5 Evaluator Course

11 Veteran's Day

18-20 SAREX



## HURRICANE KATRINA

*Captain Kathy Curtin*

It will be months and possibly years before headlines fade on Hurricane Katrina which ripped apart several of our nations Gulf Port States on August 29, but the nightmare memories will last a lifetime.

Many CAP members have answered the call to provide disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Katrina which is considered the most destructive natural disaster to hit our nation. All members are now on alert and should be prepared to respond to perform the missions for which we have been trained.

As of September 6, 2005, CAP has flown more than 318 hours and contributed over 3100 man hours in support of the relief effort. Members have been flying aerial photography missions, transporting emergency management officials, distributing relief supplies to victims, providing emergency communications, and assisting in search and rescue missions as needed.

Aerial damage-assessment imagery related to Hurricane Katrina

can be viewed via CAP's Web Mission Information Reporting System at <https://ntc.cap.af.mil/login.htm>.

During this busy time, the following is the closest thing to **Commander's Comments** (slightly tweaked) that the editor can provide:

"We (Oklahoma) are not tasked to respond.....as we do not have any assets in the AOE yet. Notice the use of the word "yet."

"We will eventually be tasked. Identify the people who are volunteers to participate and do your best to ensure they are ready. Send me their names, what they are qualified to do, and their availability dates."

**"This is the real deal.  
Take it seriously."**

"I am extremely proud to be a part of this volunteer organization. Thank you for your service and your willingness to help others in need."

JOE R. SMITH, Col, CAP  
Commander, Oklahoma Wing



## CAP ROBERT RICE BREWER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Robert Rice Brewer, 4 full scholarships will be awarded to 4 Cadets who meet the eligibility criteria below to participate in the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Aeroscholars on-line Aviation Science course.

### **Course Description:**

High-school age learning course at home or in the classroom provides in-depth learning in an easy-to-use format. In addition to the online content, web assistance is available nine hours a day, Monday through Friday, to assist students with content questions or course guidance. The course utilizes the Civil Air Patrol Journey of Flight textbook.

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### **EAA Aeroscholars program provides students with:**

- 2 college credits and option toward high school science elective
- a quality introductory experience to on-line learning
- awareness of career-related opportunities in the field of aviation
- FAA Private Pilot written examination preparation and sign-off following course II.
- one-year EAA student membership and the monthly EAA publication, Sport Aviation
- 2005 Course Registration: September 6 – October 7
- Course completion: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Total course fee: \$399
- [www.aeroscholars.com](http://www.aeroscholars.com)

### **Cadet Eligibility Criteria:**

The following criteria applies to the Robert Rice Brewer Memorial Scholarship:

1. Be a current CAP member
2. Must be a high school sophomore, junior, or senior
3. Possess and maintain an academic and discipline standard of a "B" average
4. Understand that upon receiving a scholarship, cadet must complete the course; failure to do so may result in ½ reimbursement of funds

Any Questions Contact Jeff Montgomery at 334 953-7572 or [jmontgomery@cap.gov](mailto:jmontgomery@cap.gov). Deadline to apply: September 15, 2005.

## CIVIL AIR PATROL ESTABLISHED RELIEF FUND

### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Civil Air Patrol, the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, has established a relief fund to help with the extensive multi-state recovery efforts now underway in the wake of Katrina, a Category 4 hurricane that ripped into the nation's Gulf Coast Aug. 29.

Donations can be made to the CAP Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund online at [www.peopleware.net/1044b](http://www.peopleware.net/1044b) or checks, made payable to "CAP Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund," may be sent to: CAP National Headquarters, CAP Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112.

## CHALLENGE AIR OPPORTUNITY

Challenge Air is looking for pilots that would volunteer their time as a pilot or non-pilots to volunteer to help on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Wiley Post Airport in Oklahoma City.

Challenge Air provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for critically ill and physically challenged children to experience a day of flight and other aviation activities. Challenge Air for

Kids and Friends is a non-profit organization headquartered in Dallas, Texas, that motivates special needs children through aviation.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time for this worthwhile event should contact Jeffrey D. Keyser at 405 553-3276 or [keyserjd@oge.com](mailto:keyserjd@oge.com).



## CADET RIGGS RECEIVES DAEDALIANS' FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

*by Capt. Ilana Steinhorn OK113 PAO*

Cadet Dan Riggs of the Civil Air Patrol's Oklahoma City Composite Squadron (OK113) is the recipient of the 2005 Mary Keller Flight Scholarship from Wiley Post Flight 46 of the Order of Daedalians. The \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding CAP cadet who is considering a career as a military pilot. It is given in co-operation with the Aviation Department of the University of Oklahoma for ground school and pre-solo flight training.

The Daedalians is a national organization of active and retired Military aviators. In 1999

Flight 46 re-named its scholarship in honor of the late Mary Keller, former manager of Tenkiller Airpark in Oklahoma and Director of the Grassroots Summer Aircamp.

Cadet Riggs is a senior at Putnam City North High School. He recently returned from the 2005 Summer Leaders Seminar at the US Military Academy at West Point, NY.



# PLANE FLIES TWO HOURS MISSING FIVE FEET OF WING

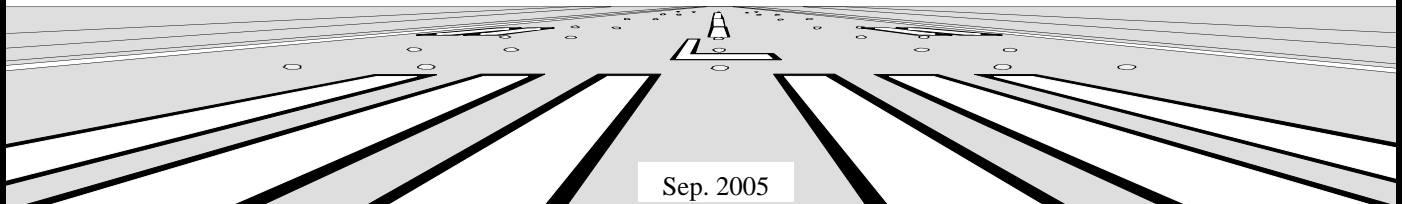
By Russ Niles *NewsWriter, Editor*

Homebuilders rejoice -- your mistakes probably aren't that bad. British officials are wondering how the pilot and passengers (including two aircraft mechanics) on board a Cessna 210 could fly the plane for two hours without realizing -- or expressing particular care -- that a five-foot section of one wing was missing. The unnamed pilot, from a community called Dozy (we couldn't make that up), apparently hit a tree on takeoff from an airport in Ireland on his way to deliver the mechanics to a broken Boeing 767 in Portugal. The collision took off more than a third of the wing, including a fuel tank. It wasn't until the plane ran low on fuel over the English Channel that the pilot realized something was wrong and made an emergency landing at Jersey International Airport. He recalled the takeoff collision but said he thought the plane had been "struck by a little bird."



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